

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Christopher Jones, et al.	§		
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Serial No.:	Not Yet Assigned	§	Group Art Unit:	Not Yet Assigned
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Filed:	Herewith	§	Examiner:	Not Yet Assigned
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For:	Method and Apparatus for	§	Confirmation No.:	Not Yet Assigned
	Performing Rapid Isotopic	§		
	Analysis Via Laser Spectroscopy	§		

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Att'y Docket No. 1391-27809  
Client Ref. No.: 2000-IP-005240US C1  
Date: March 1, 2004

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Concurrent with the filing of a continuation application, Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment. Prior to calculating fees and examining this case, the Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawing** begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures and the Affidavit of Christopher Jones is attached following page 9 of this paper.